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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
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- 5. [X] Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR §1.76

- 6. [] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- 7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. [] Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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- 8. [] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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- 10. [] English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 11. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 - [X] Copies of IDS Citations
- 12. [] Preliminary Amendment
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| 1004 750 Reissue filing fee [] | 1401 320 Notice of Appeal | | | | |
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| 1202 18 Claims in excess of 20 | 1801 750 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | | | |
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| 1203 280 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | 1454 1300 Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for [] | | | | |
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